

# QUARTERLY REPORT



CITY OF SUNNYVALE

SUMMER 2001

## DOWNTOWN FEATURES MUSIC & MARKET ON WEDNESDAY EVENINGS THIS SUMMER

**T**V viewers complain about reruns during the summer months, but Sunnyvale residents are expected to delight in a repeat this summer of one of Sunnyvale's most popular community events — the Wednesday night music and market series.

Free outdoor concerts will be held each week in downtown Sunnyvale along with the Farmers' Market on Wednesday evenings during July and August. The "Sunnyvale

Summer Music Series — Music and Market" is sponsored by the Sunnyvale Downtown Association and co-sponsored by the City of Sunnyvale, with funding and in-kind support from local businesses and the Sunnyvale Chamber of Commerce. When the event debuted last year, it was titled "Midweek



Market and Music Madness." The Farmers' Market will open at 5:00 p.m. on Murphy Avenue, and the two-hour concerts are performed on a stage at the corner of Washington and Murphy, beginning at 6:00 p.m. Bands for the remainder of the summer are:

*See Midweek Market & Music, page 14*

## CITY EXPLORING INNOVATIVE WAYS TO RELIEVE TRAFFIC CONGESTION

**S**unnyvale residents rated traffic congestion as one of their top concerns for the future in a citizen opinion survey conducted last year. This is no surprise. In a City where about 95 percent of residents and workers travel by automobile — over 80 percent of them alone — drivers often face a tough rush "hour" consisting of brake lights and traffic jams.

With a problem as difficult, widespread and seemingly intractable as



traffic congestion, what can one city — our City — do about it? We posed this question to someone on the front line of the battle against traffic congestion. Jack Witthaus, Senior Transportation Planner with the City of Sunnyvale's Department of Public Works, offered insight on the City's efforts to combat traffic congestion.

**How does the City go about tackling such a difficult and widespread issue as traffic congestion?**

Traffic congestion is obviously a complex issue with no single easy solution, but there are a number of things the City is doing to tackle the problem. Some of our activities are at the local or neighborhood level, some are citywide, and others entail collaboration with regional agencies. While each program might have a small impact individually, over time they can cumulatively help to ease the pressure off our roadways.

Road improvements, such as street widening, and better timing of traffic signals have traditionally been the mainstay of the City's traffic management programs. Other programs, such as traffic calming, address transportation issues in residential neighborhoods. While these types of projects continue to be the backbone of our traffic engineering efforts, more recently the City has begun to explore innovative approaches to land use, transit, and transportation demand management.

**Can you give some examples of the City's innovative approaches to traffic relief?**

One thing we're doing is promot-

*See Traffic, page 14*

## GET YOUR BUILDING PERMITS ON-LINE

**A**pply for building permits 24 hours a day, seven days a week through the Internet.

**Sunnyvale's E-Permit web site**  
[www.e-permits.net/sunnyvale/](http://www.e-permits.net/sunnyvale/)

Sunnyvale is one of the first cities in the U.S. to set up an online resource that enables people to apply for, pay for, and receive a building permit electronically without making a trip to City Hall.

1. Log on with any Internet-connected computer with a web browser.
2. Complete the on-line permit request form.
3. Pay with a credit card on the secured encryption system.
4. Select an inspection day and time.
5. Print out the permit and a receipt.

The entire process zooms through in less than 10 minutes, compared to the 120 minutes it takes on average to drive to City Hall, fill out permit paperwork, and receive approval at the counter. Applicants don't even need to be present at the first inspection since E-Permitting has recently been enhanced to allow for an electronic signature.

E-Permits are available for a variety of minor projects that do not require plans for approval, such as bathroom remodels, water heater or furnace replacement, or replacement of an existing roof, and sewer or water line replacements.

For more information, contact the Building Safety Division of Sunnyvale's Community Development Department at (408) 730-7444. ✨





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# HELP FOR ELDER ABUSE, DOMESTIC VIOLENCE VICTIMS

**H**ousehold situations that may involve domestic violence or elder abuse are emotional and often quite complex. Law enforcement personnel and other community agencies want to be helpful, but it can be difficult to make the judgment calls on exactly what needs to be done, when, and by whom.

Since 1993, the City of Sunnyvale has taken a leadership role in a county-wide effort to develop and maintain a protocol that can be used by officers in the field to help evaluate situations and make decisions. Now, Sunnyvale Public Safety representatives are actively involved in creating a separate protocol for situations where elder and dependent adults are at risk.

In response to a 1999 state law mandating a 24-hour, seven-day a week response to life-threatening situations and imminent danger to elder and dependent adults, a strong partnership was formed among the various agencies that respond to reports of abuse. Representatives of every law enforcement jurisdiction in the county, along with Santa Clara

County Adult Protection Services, County Counsel, County Medical Examiner, State Department of Justice, Victim Witness Program and Catholic Charities Long Term Ombudsman Program, met frequently to develop a standard protocol. Lieutenant Richard Bloom, Detective William Borzone, and Detective David Pitts represented the City of Sunnyvale.

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The resulting protocol has become a model for communities throughout California. In addition to assuring a more uniform response

to abuse incidents, it acts as a field guide to assist patrol officers, and assists police investigators in developing evidence important for criminal prosecution when needed. The protocol also serves as a training guide for law enforcement personnel to enhance their understanding of complex case situations involving health and safety risks to vulnerable populations of elders and dependant adults.

"The Adult Protective Services protocol, along with the Domestic Violence protocol and the Child Abuse protocol, promotes the sharing of information, resources and insights among several law enforcement agencies and social service organizations," explained Lt. Bloom. "Often the victim in these situations has multiple needs, so it is important that all of the agencies that are there to help, protect, and serve, work together effectively."

Residents who want to report a possible domestic violence, child abuse, or elder abuse situation should contact the Sunnyvale Public Safety Department at 730-7110. In emergency situations, dial 911. ✨

# LOOK WHAT'S NEW DOWNTOWN

**T**here's more happening downtown this summer than the Wednesday night concerts and Farmers' Market. Here are the latest highlights as we make progress on a revitalized downtown that embodies the heart and spirit of our City.

## **Downtown Business Directory Available**

Looking for a unique gift for that special someone? Need restaurant ideas for a hot dinner date? A directory of downtown restaurants and retailers is available at your fingertips at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/downtown/index-gfx.htm](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/downtown/index-gfx.htm). You can also pick one up next time you're downtown at the WAVE/Town Center Mall, the valet stand in the Town & Country Village, or at the City's Downtown Office on Murphy Avenue.

Whether your fancy is classic Italian or spicy Thai — or somewhere in between — dozens of restaurants await you in a relaxing, strollable downtown atmosphere. Bargain hunters and upscale connoisseurs can access more than 200 restaurants, shops, personal



and professional service firms, and entertainment facilities listed in the directory. Let your fingers do the walking, and find out what's in store for you in downtown Sunnyvale.

## **Expanded Retail and Transit Center in the Works**

Preliminary work has begun for demolition of the center portion of the garage at The WAVE/Town Center Mall. In its place will be a 20-screen movie theater and new retail space due to open next year. In order to strengthen the adjacent parking structures prior to demolition of the center portion of the garage, about 450 parking spaces on the upper and lower levels of the section of the garage are temporarily unavailable. However, there are more than 1,700 parking spaces still available at the mall garage, leaving ample parking for patrons and employees. Later this fall, the parking garage at the corner of Iowa and Sunnyvale will open, adding more than 900 parking spaces in downtown about the same time as the demolition occurs. Better yet — let the valet attendants park your car for free.

Driving is just one way to reach the downtown. Soon a host of upgraded transit services will be

available. The downtown Multi-Modal Transit Center is one step closer to becoming a reality now that the City Council has approved a cooperative agreement to share design, construction, and operating costs among three participating agencies. The City of Sunnyvale, along with the agencies that run light rail, bus service, and Caltrain (Valley Transportation Authority and the Peninsula Corridor Joint Powers Board) are building a multi-level parking garage near the intersection of Evelyn and Frances. The garage will serve CalTrain commuters during the day and downtown patrons in the evenings and on weekends.

The transit center will feature a new train station, improved bus and shuttle drop-off facilities, and enhanced pedestrian and bicycle access so residents, workers, and shoppers will find it easier to reach the downtown without getting in their cars. The transit center will be an important part of a thriving, world-class site that integrates housing, work sites, shops, and transit. This synergy of integrated development will help to create an identifiable city center that fosters something that's often missing in today's communities: a sense of place. ✨

## WHERE TO FIND DOWNTOWN UPDATES

City of Sunnyvale	<a href="http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us">www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us</a> , follow the link to Sunnyvale Downtown Development
Mozart Development	<a href="http://www.dtoofficeplaza.com">www.dtoofficeplaza.com</a>
WAVE/TownCenter Mall	<a href="http://www.siliconvalleywave.com">www.siliconvalleywave.com</a>
Downtown Hotline	737-4900



# SUNNYVALE LIBRARY BLENDS TECHNOLOGY INNOVATIONS WITH TRADITIONAL PROGRAMS

While continuing to deliver the traditional services that library patrons expect and want, the Sunnyvale Public Library is launching innovative, new technology-based programs.

“We always want people to leave the library with the information they want, whether it’s an in-person visit to the building or a virtual visit through our website,” said Victoria Johnson, Director of Libraries. “It’s all about serving people in new ways.”

Johnson said that several recently-developed programs are helping patrons become more self-sufficient and proficient in making use of the depth and breadth of library resources, including the “huge glut” of information accessible through the Internet. One of these, the Certified Library User program, which offers rewards to individuals who complete five short classes on how to use the library effectively and efficiently, has already attracted hundreds of Sunnyvale residents.

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“Library skills are not being taught as much in schools, and there are many people who do not know anything about the Dewey Decimal system or how to conduct research using a full text database of magazine articles,” Johnson said.

“The Internet is like a library with all the books dumped on the floor. The information is there, but it can be hard to find,” she said.

## A library without walls

The library is increasing the ways that patrons can access library collections electronically. Remote user services already allow residents to search the catalog, place reserves on books, check their personal library



records, and access a massive database of full-text articles printed in hundreds of publications.

Library staff is now testing several new electronic services. Electronic books will allow patrons to check out reading devices that contain as many as eight non-fiction books in a hand-held unit a little bigger than a large paperback. Readers who need large print text will especially like e-books since they can adjust type size. Other features of electronic book readers include the ability to search for words and phrases and a pop-up dictionary. A second type of electronic book will soon be available via computer. Users can “check out” these electronic reference and non-fiction books for short periods without coming into the library.

The Q&A Café, a virtual reference desk, is another new electronic service now under development. A consortium of libraries in the Bay Area is experimenting with the concept of using the Internet to provide real-time access to a reference librarian.

AT THE SAME TIME THE LIBRARY IS INCREASING ELECTRONIC ACCESS TO LIBRARY COLLECTIONS, IT IS LOOKING FOR MORE WAYS TO DRAW PEOPLE INTO ITS BUILDING.

To take a virtual visit of the Library, visit [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library).

## More than books, a community resource

At the same time the library is increasing electronic access to library collections, it is looking for more ways to draw people into its building. Johnson pointed to two new programs as examples of the way the library serves as a community resource, not just a repository of books: the “Tips for Teens” resource guide and the digital storytelling project.

SERVING AS A COMMUNITY RESOURCE IS ALSO THE GOAL BEHIND THE LIBRARY’S EVER-INCREASING NUMBER OF SPECIAL ACTIVITIES AND PROGRAMS.

The teen guidebook was assembled by library staff to help teens locate government and nonprofit agencies that can help them with questions and problems related to health, education, counseling, recreation, transportation, and other needs they might have. It’s currently published as a palm-sized booklet, and is available as an electronic database that can be accessed online from any computer at home, at school, at work, or at the library (see

“Tips for Teens,” right).

The digital storytelling project expands the library’s collection of materials on local history to include multimedia stories by and about older residents who remember when “the Heart of Silicon Valley” was “the Valley of Hearts Delight” filled with orchards. Personal stories are recorded as three to five minute “movies” that feature photos of Sunnyvale in years past, with voice-over recordings of residents sharing their memories of growing up, working, raising their families, and watching the City grow and change. The stories are available on videotape, CD-ROM or can be viewed as streaming video on the Internet ([www.sunnyvalevoices.org](http://www.sunnyvalevoices.org)). The project is funded by a grant from the Library Services and Technology Act administered by the California State Library.

Serving as a community resource is also the goal behind the library’s ever-increasing number of special activities and programs. This year, more than 500 events will be held at the library ranging from stories for toddlers to multicultural presentations and personal appearances by authors and experts in everything from home improvement to Chinese storytelling.

The monthly book discussion group is a good example of how the library is going beyond its traditional role to serve as a facilitator of gathering people in the community and encouraging them to share their thoughts and ideas. A different book is selected each month and everyone in the community is invited to attend the evening discussion session.

“WE WILL CONTINUE TO BALANCE THE TRADITIONS OF LIBRARIES THAT PEOPLE TREASURE AND THE NEW WAYS WE CAN SERVE THEIR NEEDS.”

“Increasingly, libraries are being asked to be a community space, a place where people can come to meet others in their community. The library provides an open welcoming environment where people of diverse interests, backgrounds and ages can come together,” Johnson explained.

The programs and services that are allowing the Sunnyvale Public Library to be a “library without walls” are exciting, but the technological advances will never replace the special feelings people have for visiting a library in person, according to Johnson.

“We will never replace the library that people have a soft spot for — the place where they watched their children first get excited about reading ... the place that helped them find a job ... the place where they go for a few moments of quiet contemplation,” Johnson said. “We will continue to balance the traditions of libraries that people treasure and the new ways we can serve their needs.” ✨

## NOW AVAILABLE: TIPS FOR TEENS!

Do you know a teenager who needs counseling or is looking for a job? Or a young person seeking fun things to do or help with a health issue? This information is now available in a centralized place. *Tips for Teens* is a free, pocket-sized guide with a comprehensive listing and description of local organizations that serve Sunnyvale teenagers.

The guide covers agencies that help young people with counseling, education, employment, health, recreation, transportation and volunteer opportunities. It also lists youth groups and other resources that are helpful to teens during times of crisis as well as with day-to-day activities.

You can get a free booklet at the Sunnyvale Public Library, 665 W. Olive Avenue, or access the information on-line via the City of Sunnyvale Public Library website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/library).

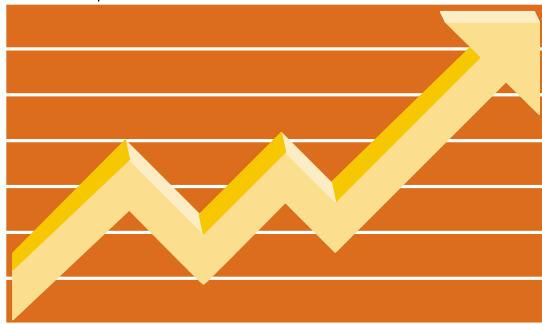


# QUALITY OF LIFE INITIATIVE MOVES TO NEXT PHASE

**T**he City of Sunnyvale has completed the first step of its innovative Quality of Life Index, identifying how residents define “quality of life.” Now the City is taking the next, more difficult step — measuring how well it is doing in meeting the community’s goals.

In the spring, the City Council reviewed the results of the City’s pioneering and widespread effort to ask residents what makes a difference in the quality of their lives. An eight-point Quality of Life Index was created with quantifiable measures that will provide an annual report card to the residents and businesses about how well the City is meeting their priorities.

“The idea is to have a few clearly defined strategic goals that represent the concerns and priorities of all residents,” said Amy Chan, assistant city manager. “This was a major effort to



get citizen input and involve them in providing policy direction for the City. The City Council and City staff will now use this information to set priorities, make decisions, and develop new programs and services that meet the needs of the community.”

The concept of a Quality of Life Index is similar to the trend in business to quantify the subjective topics of quality, excellence and customer service. Each year the U.S. Department of Commerce’s National Institute of Standards and Technology issues Malcolm Baldrige National Quality Awards to companies that can show not only how they have improved but how they have established a methodology for continuous improvement.

The Sunnyvale Quality of Life Index was developed through a multi-part process that included two community task forces, a citizen opinion poll in which residents could mail in their surveys or register them online, and a series of public open houses at sites throughout the City, including Washington Park, Lakewood Park, and Ortega Park.

Here is a brief description of the eight priorities and some of the measures that will be used to create the annual report card. More complete information about the Quality of Life Index is available on the City’s website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/200104/rts/01-130.asp](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/200104/rts/01-130.asp).

■ **Safety** — Sunnyvale must maintain a low-crime environment in which everyone feels safe and has trust and confidence in the integrity of law enforcement officers. Residents also would like to see an increase in neighborhood policing and community involvement in crime prevention programs.

The Index will track statistics on police and fire response times and Sunnyvale crime rates in comparison to other communities in the county, state and nation. The Index also will include the number of participants who rate crime prevention public information and education programs as meeting their needs.

■ **High quality education** — Although school districts have the responsibility for public education programs, residents believe the City can increase its partnerships with schools and take the lead in coordinating community resources for educational purposes. Residents also would like to see more opportunities for high school students to access career action counseling.

The City will begin to track how many collaborative activities it undertakes with local school districts. Another new measure related to education is the number of Sunnyvale youth completing NOVA job search workshops.

■ **Healthy, sustainable environment** — The Sunnyvale community wants ample open space where everyone enjoys clean air and water. Residents would like to see waste diversion levels improved and clean water levels continue to meet or exceed the mandated limits. They also believe it is important to maintain the current ratio of acres of open space per capita as future development occurs.

Air quality will be measured by tracking the number of days per year the air exceeds ozone and particulate matter standards.

Sunnyvale already closely monitors its water quality and solid waste

diversion rates. The Index will pay closer attention to the participation rate in City recycling programs.

■ **Efficient, safe transportation systems** — Residents would like to see travel times shortened and would like public transportation schedules improved. They also are concerned about reducing the number of vehicle, bicycle and pedestrian accidents.

Metrics related to this priority include vehicle collision rates, improvements in travel time, and the community’s rating of safe road conditions. The use of public transit and on-time public transit records will also be itemized in the Index.

■ **Housing** — More housing, more diverse types of housing, and more affordable housing are high on the list of priorities for Sunnyvale residents. Ample ownership and rental opportunities for residents of all income levels is the goal.

The City has always kept track of how many housing units exist, but now it also will calculate the percentage of homes in Sunnyvale affordable to households with median incomes. It also will include statistics on the number of housing units for seniors and special populations.

■ **A strong, growing economy** — Residents are concerned that Sunnyvale maintain a mix of types of businesses and industry and continue to provide a supportive, business-friendly environment so that there will be ample employment opportunities for everyone.

Periodic surveys of business will help to quantify the City’s accomplishments in creating an environment conducive to a strong economy. The Index also will look at retail sales per capita as a measure of local economic success.

■ **Diverse cultural opportunities** — Sunnyvale should celebrate its multi-cultural diversity with an array of entertainment, performing and fine arts that reflect the ethnic backgrounds of its citizens.

One measure in the Index related to this priority will be the number of City-supported multi-cultural events. The number of people attending each of these activities also will be recorded.

■ **Community pride and involvement** — Sunnyvale residents believe there is a need to promote a sense of belonging among residents. They suggest more opportunities for community involvement and more City support of neighborhood associations.

In addition to tallying the number of volunteers in City-operated programs, the Index will look at how many volunteers there are community-wide. An increasing number of neighborhood groups and homeowner associations also will be viewed as a positive step towards more community pride and involvement. ✨

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# PUBLIC SAFETY DEPARTMENT REVAMPS VEHICLES AND TRAINING TOWER

**N**ew police and fire vehicles and a new training tower for emergency personnel are getting enthusiastic thumbs-up ratings from members of Sunnyvale's Public Safety Department.

## New on the street

Everyone will be able to quickly identify the new police cars when they roll out onto Sunnyvale streets this summer — they're black and white! Over the next two years, the remainder of the 36 cars in the police fleet will be replaced with vehicles in these traditional colors.

"Studies show that black and white police vehicles are more recognizable by the public," said Capt. Johnson. "People respond positively to the familiar look of police cars and find it easier to approach law enforcement personnel. This allows us to develop stronger ties with the community."

Also new on the street in the next few months will be new fire engines — and they, too, are changing colors from yellow to classic firehouse red.

"It's the same situation as with the color of police cars," explained Johnson. "Experience has taught us that red fire engines are more visible and easily recognized by the public as emergency vehicles. These are like brand images that are firmly ingrained in the public's mind."

The initial changeover to red fire vehicles includes four pumper trucks, followed by two ladder trucks that can lift firefighters 100 feet in the air. Additional vehicles will be replaced by new, red models over the next seven to eight years. Firefighting vehicles have a 20-year life

expectancy, and the vehicles being replaced are 20 years old.

"These are great vehicles that feature technology advances such as on-board computers that calculate how much water to pump at each fire," Capt. Johnson said. "They just don't get any better than this."

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The next new red fire vehicle will be the hazardous materials (hazmat) truck that is scheduled to arrive in July of 2002. As each of the 14 fire vehicles is replaced, old models will be sold at auction.

## State-of-the-Art Training Tower

The new \$1 million training tower for emergency personnel strengthens the department's training capabilities with its versatility and state-of-the-art features. It can be used for both police and fire drills and can replicate either home or commercial environments. The building includes four stories and a basement and is plumbed for propane so that fires can be lit from inside. It replaces an old training tower built more than 40 years ago.

"This is a valuable training tool in that it allows us to safely simulate real-life situations," said Captain Don



*New police cars and fire trucks feature advanced technology and traditional colors.*

Johnson of the Public Safety Department. "We can set it up to act like a kitchen fire, or we can simulate the rescue of people trapped under debris after an earthquake. Police officers also use the facility to train on responses to both typical and unusual circumstances." ✨

# MAKE YOUR VOICE HEARD ON UPCOMING POLICY ISSUES

**T**his Summer the City Council will consider a number of policy issues. The public is encouraged to participate in the policy-making process by reviewing staff reports and offering their comments and ideas on these issues. Citizens can comment by sending a letter in advance of the meeting, or you can provide public testimony at the Council meeting. To find out which meeting(s) to attend or where to send a letter, visit the City's website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) or call the City Clerk's office at 730-7483. Staff reports are available on the City's website by 5:00 p.m. the Friday before Council consideration.

Following are some upcoming issues that will be considered, along with information about how to get involved in the decision-making process.

**Moffett Park Specific Plan**  
**Study Session: August 7**  
**City Council meeting: October 2**

This study is a review of the permitted and desired development in the industrial areas north of State Route 237. This area is known as the Lockheed/Martin Plant 1 and Moffett Park. The property owners, business representatives, real estate brokers and others are participating in the study. Several scenarios will be evaluated to determine the desired amount and type of uses (industrial, corporate offices, retail, housing will all be examined) and to plan for the appropriate infrastructure (water, flood control, transportation, energy, etc.) to support the uses. An Environmental Impact Report will be prepared. A Study Session with the City Council and Planning Commission is planned for Tuesday August 7, 2001. Public hearings are expected in September and October.

For more information contact Erwin Ordoñez at 730-2723 or [eordonez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:eordonez@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). Also, please check the city's website [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) in the future for updates on Moffett Park.

**Pocket Park Study**  
**Parks and Recreation**  
**Commission meeting: August 8**  
**City Council meeting: October 9**

The City Council has directed Parks and Recreation Department staff to explore land use options in the Cherry Chase neighborhood. Specifically, the locations to be considered are four small land parcels, located on Ramona, Lois and Dona Avenue, owned by PG&E and small strips of land alongside each parcel owned by the City.

The parcels are positioned along the utility path for electric transmission towers and lines. The seasonal weed growth on the parcels and chain link fencing currently in place does not lend attractiveness to the neighborhood. Neighbors surrounding these undeveloped areas have shown an interest in improving the open space created by these parcels while some adjacent neighbors have

*See Policy Issues, page 13*

# FISCAL YEAR 2001/2002 BUDGET ADOPTED

The City Council recently adopted a \$215 million budget for FY 2001/2002. Of this amount, \$168 million is for the operating budget, which covers most of the day-to-day municipal services. The operating budget is up 6% from last year, mostly due to costs for salary and benefits, wholesale water, gas/electricity, and technology/communications equipment.

Sunnyvale's unique approach to budget preparation is a critical part of the City's long-term planning and management framework. Unlike most public agencies, the City focuses on long-term financial projections of revenue and expenses. Each year it adopts a fully balanced 10-year financial plan, as well as twenty-year projections. In addition, the City

works on a two-year budget cycle, one year focusing on the operating budget and the next year focusing on the "projects" budget. FY 2001/2002 is the second year of the cycle so the emphasis this year is on the projects budget. There are four kinds of projects in the Sunnyvale budget: Capital, Special, Infrastructure and Outside Group Funding. Project budgets vary widely from year to year, and for FY 2001/2002, the total is \$34 million. There are a total of 415 projects in the 20-year plan, with 180 funded in FY 2001/2002.

In his Letter of Transmittal, City Manager Robert S. LaSala outlined a number of emerging strategic issues, future fiscal issues, and fiscal strategies that present opportunities or challenges for the City. They are outlined below and detailed in the budget document.

### Strategic Issues

- Local government fiscal relations with the state
- City workforce reinvestment
- Development activity
- Service level pressures
- The Quality of Life initiative
- Integrated strategic and business planning

### Future Fiscal Issues

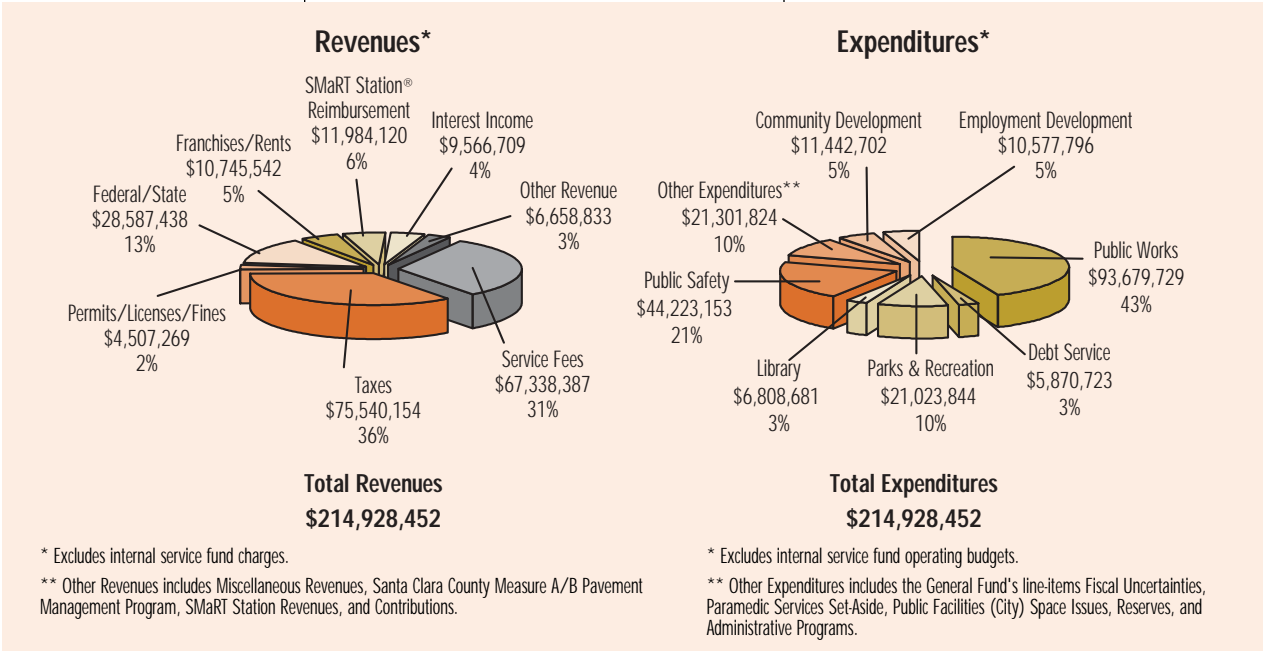
- Integrated Neighborhood Services
- Youth and Family Services
- Animal Field and Shelter Services
- Fremont Pool
- Multimodal Transit Center
- Public Facilities Workspace Issues

### Fiscal Strategies

- Emphasize economic development
- Use cost-effective technologies to increase productivity, enhance customer service and/or reduce the cost of service
- Pay close attention to the fiscal impact of policy decisions
- Rely on multi-year financial planning for key decisions
- Emphasize continuous improvement and outcome management

The full text of the budget transmittal letter, including a discussion of the above items and a detailed review of expenditures and revenues, can be found on the Finance page of the City's website:

[www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) ✨



# NEW UTILITY RATES IN EFFECT JULY 1

With the beginning of the new fiscal year on July 1, new rates for utility services went into effect. City utility rates include water, refuse, and sewer service. The average residential utility bill will increase by a total of \$1.70 per month, or about 2.9% more than the cost in fiscal year 2000-2001.

With the new rates for these services, the average monthly bill for a single-family home in Sunnyvale is about 34 percent less than the average bill in surrounding communities, which translates into an annual savings of about \$360.

The rates for single-family residential utility accounts increased by the following percentages:

- 4.5% for water service
- 3.2% for refuse service
- 1.5% for sewer service

More detailed information on specific rate changes is available from the City of Sunnyvale Utility Services Billing Office by calling 730-7400 (residential customers) and 730-7681 (commercial customers). Due to the complexities of commercial, industri-

al and multi-family utility services, specific rates and comparisons for those customers are not included here.

### Water

Water rates for Sunnyvale residents increased by 4.5%. The amount of water used each month varies from household to household, but a typical consumption of 275 gallons of water per day would mean a monthly bill of \$15.94.

The biggest contributor to the increased water rates is the higher cost of water from wholesale providers. The cost of purchased water accounts for more than 75% of

the cost of operation of the Sunnyvale water system.

### Refuse

The rate for residential refuse service increased by 3.2%, making the charge for one-can residential service \$17.23 per month and the cost of unlimited residential service \$25.04 per month.

Refuse rates include weekly collection of garbage, recyclables, and yard trimmings; processing the collected materials at the Sunnyvale Materials Recovery and Transfer (SMaRT®) Station; and disposal of refuse at the Kirby Canyon Landfill.

The fees also pay for household hazardous waste disposal events and compliance with state and federal environmental regulations at the closed Sunnyvale Landfill.

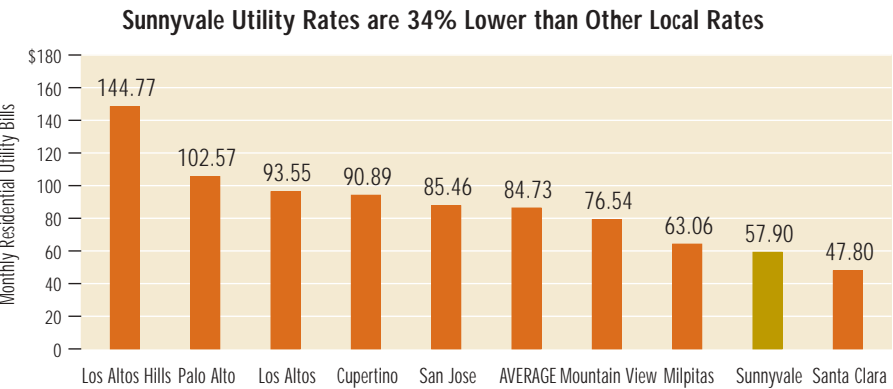
### Sewer

The rate for residential sewer services is 1.5% higher, making residential rates \$16.92 per month, an increase of \$0.26 per month.

The increases to the sewer rates are driven by the results of a wastewater cost-of-service study performed by the City. The study, which allocated costs based on actual usage, shifted costs from residential customers to commercial customers. The impact on rates was a smaller-than-expected increase for residents, and a larger increase for businesses. The other significant factor affecting sewer rates is the need to fund upgrades, maintenance, and repairs to the overall system.

Sewer rates also cover the cost of preventing water pollution in San Francisco Bay through wastewater collection, treatment and disposal and compliance with state and federal environmental regulations.

A brochure detailing all of these utility rate increases was included with utility bills mailed during July and August. ✨



The utility bill information shown above combines water, sewer, and garbage rates as of April 2001 for comparison cities. Sunnyvale rates were effective July 1, 2001. The amounts shown depict the typical residential bill based on water use of 275 gallons per day (11 ccf/month) and unlimited (or 3-can) garbage service. Palo Alto structures its rates to minimize refuse generation. Its most popular service is its \$18 per month 1-can rate.



# PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MEANS GUARANTEERING PUBLIC SAFE ACCESS

**M**any residents are confused about the public right-of-way, especially the area in front of their homes or apartments between the curb and sidewalk. Who is responsible for what?

City streets, extending from one private property line across the street to another private property line, are categorized as public right-of-way. This includes not just the street asphalt, but the curb and gutter, the sidewalk, and any remaining land right up to the front property line.

Individual property owners cannot fence off or in any other way restrict access to the public right-of-way.

**“BY DEFINITION, THE PUBLIC RIGHT-OF-WAY MEANS THAT ANYONE CAN USE IT AND ACCESS CANNOT BE DENIED.”**  
**LEONARD DUNN, URBAN LANDSCAPE SUPERVISOR**

There are two public right-of-way configurations in Sunnyvale. One is where the sidewalk is set to the back of the right-of-way. This creates a strip of land between the curb and the sidewalk often referred to as the parkway. In the second configuration, called monolithic, the sidewalk is attached to the curb.

“The strip of land is between the sidewalk and the property line,” explained Dunn. “There is no readily



*This photo shows a parkway type site that has been filled in with concrete pavers.*

discernable identification of the property line without knowing the right-of-way width and actually measuring for it. The city bears liability for this space and is concerned about how it is used and what is placed there.”

The City of Sunnyvale maintains the public utilities in the right-of-way, including the city trees. Ground maintenance is left to the responsibility of the adjacent property owner.

“Property owners may not realize that they need an encroachment permit from the City if they want to do anything with public right-of-way land other than landscaping,” he said. “We’ve been removing a lot of concrete from parkway strips. Concrete is not a good solution if the property owner wants to cut down on maintenance.”

A solid concrete surface pushes more water into storm drains, which could send runoff pollution into the Bay. A better alternative, according to Dunn, are pavers that provide a solid walk space but allow water to soak into the ground (see photo). Pavers also can be more easily removed if they become uneven because of tree roots.

“The City has a responsibility for mitigating hazards in this area, so we don’t want to see an unsafe walking area because tree roots have raised the surface,” he explained, adding that river rock or tanbark are other appropriate materials to use in the parkway area. “We prefer to see lawn or shrubs for aesthetic reasons. We don’t want the City to look like a desertscape. But other landscape treatments are acceptable as long as they provide a safe walking surface and allow water to go into the ground.”

Green landscaping in the right-of-way parkway strip is also of concern to the City if it contains shrubs that are too large and block the visibility of drivers entering or leaving driveways. Plants should be no more than two feet high.

“We encourage landscaping that allows people to use the parkway to go from the street to the sidewalk,” Dunn said. “Driveways are not meant for pedestrians.”

More information about appropriate landscaping for parkway strips and answers to questions about public right of way can be obtained by calling 730-7505. Encroachment permits are obtained from Public Works. ✨

## DON'T “TOP” TREES TO CONTROL THEIR GROWTH

Some residents mistakenly believe that “topping” trees — severely cutting off the top branches of a tree — will help to control tree growth and prevent roots from interfering with sidewalk or driveway surfaces. In fact, **topping of City street trees in Sunnyvale is illegal** and is permanently harmful to the trees.

“Pruning is necessary to keep the tree strong and to maintain its structural integrity,” said Leonard Dunn, urban landscape supervisor. “But when homeowners whack and hack at trees they seriously damage the tree. The new branches that grow out are weakly attached to the stubs from which they arise. As these branches grow they are more prone to fail and break out of the tree.”

Arborists recommend a structural pruning every three years to keep a tree in healthy condition. A heavier pruning, especially to reduce the height of a tall tree, should use “drop-crotching” techniques that thin out the crown of a tree and reduce its height and spread. The tree retains its natural form and beauty.

No pruning should remove more than 25% of the tree, according to Dunn. More intense pruning requires a permit from the City if the tree is 12 inches or more in diameter measured four feet off the ground, and the pruning must adhere to tree industry standards. Tree removal also requires a permit.

Trees in the public right-of-way are City street trees which are pruned and maintained by City staff. Property owners concerned about a tree in the right-of-way are encouraged to call the Tree and Landscape Division at 730-7505. Planting a new tree in the parkway strip requires a permit from the Tree and Landscape Division but, in most cases, street trees are planted by City staff.

“Tree preservation is a priority in Sunnyvale, and we don’t like to see any tree damaged or removed,” said Dunn. “But we also don’t want to see the wrong kind of tree planted in the parkway area where root growth could lift sidewalks or curbs and cause a pedestrian hazard.”

Books on pruning and tree care are available at the Sunnyvale Public Library. Residents also can call Sunnyvale Public Works Tree and Landscape Division, 730-7505, for more information about right-of-way access and City street trees.



## WHERE TO FIND OFFICIAL CITY NOTICES

Have you ever wondered where you can find out about upcoming City of Sunnyvale public meetings, agenda topics, and other official City notices and reports? The following list is to help you access such information. If you have questions, please call the City Clerk’s office at 730-7483.

The Sunnyvale City Council meets on Tuesday nights at 7:30 in the Council Chamber, 456 W. Olive. Meetings are telecast live on cable channel 18 and replayed several times.

City Council **agendas and reports** are available in a number of places: on the web at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us) (under City Council Activities), at the Sunnyvale Library, and in the City Clerk’s Office. They are available by 5 p.m. on the Friday before the Tuesday meeting.

City Council **agendas** (public hearing items) also are published in the *Local* section of the *San Jose Mercury News* on Mondays.

**Digests** of Council actions (summary of Council decisions on public hearing items) are published on Thursdays in the *Arts & Entertainment* section of the *Mercury News*.

**Miscellaneous legal notices** for the City also are published in the *Local* section of the *Mercury News* on various days (usually Saturdays & Sundays when a wider circulation occurs).

*The Sunnyvale Sun*, published on Wednesdays, also has information in the *Legal Advertising & Public Notices* section. Examples of such postings include Notices of Adoption of Ordinances, Notices for Bids, and Public Hearings.

# SUNNYVALE YOUTH FIND WORK THROUGH NOVA

Hundreds of Sunnyvale youth are working this summer at jobs they found with the help of NOVA, an employment and training agency administered by the City of Sunnyvale. Many employment opportunities are still available for the remaining weeks of summer as well as part-time positions during the school year.

“Fluctuations in the economy don’t really affect the number of job openings for youth. There are always lots of listings for entry-level, short term, and part-time hourly workers,” explained Judi Gentry of

NOVA. “These types of jobs help young people explore career options and get valuable experience in the workplace while they are earning a paycheck.”

NOVA offers a pre-employment workshop and guidance from friendly, qualified youth counselors to help teens learn how to obtain — and keep — their first jobs. For young people exploring what they might want to do in the future, NOVA offers career information and assessment tools on-line at [www.youthatwork.org](http://www.youthatwork.org). This site also offers over 1,000 current job opportunities for youth.

“We are a resource to people of all ages in the community,” Gentry said, “but we are especially beneficial to youth who have never worked before. They can come in once and we help them locate appropriate jobs and prepare for an interview. It’s important for students to find out what working is all about and to gain skills that will be useful when they get out of school.”

NOVA Youth Employment Services is open 9 a.m. to 6 p.m. Monday through Friday and some Saturdays. For information call 522-9845 or check the web at [www.youthatwork.org](http://www.youthatwork.org) ✨

# NEW BAY TRAIL SECTION PROVIDES ACCESS TO LEVEE

Another one-mile section of the San Francisco Bay Trail opened in Sunnyvale in June. When finished, the Bay Trail will connect nine counties and 47 cities with approximately 400 miles of trail, allowing hikers and cyclists to circle the San Francisco and San Pablo Bays.

More than three miles of this regional recreational corridor are located within the borders of the City of Sunnyvale. The newly-opened section, developed through use agreements with Lockheed Martin Missiles & Space (LMMS) and Cargill Inc., gives the public access to the surface of the privately-owned levee that extends west from the Carl Road trailhead.

A grant from the Bay Trail Project, under the umbrella of the Association

for Bay Area Governments (ABAG), funded fencing along the levee. A generous donation from LMMS funded the remainder of the trail project. Previous grants paid for improvements to the trailhead at Carl Road, including wheelchair-accessible facilities and a study guide for elementary-aged children.

The western portion of the Bay Trail within Sunnyvale currently ends at the Moffett Field border. The eastern border, at Calabazas Creek, joins a paved trail managed by the City of San Jose. The cities of San Jose,



Santa Clara and Milpitas are all in the process of planning connections to the Bay Trail within their borders, and efforts are underway to connect Mountain View and Sunnyvale across Moffett property.

For more information about the Bay Trail Project, visit the ABAG website, [www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/baytrail/baytrail.html](http://www.abag.ca.gov/bayarea/baytrail/baytrail.html). For more information about the trail sites within Sunnyvale, check the Sunnyvale Baylands Park website at [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/baylands](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us/baylands) ✨



City officials join Lockheed, Bay Trail representatives and other community members in opening another mile of the San Francisco Bay Trail in Sunnyvale.

## ACCESS TV BRINGS LOCAL PROGRAMMING TO YOU

Cable subscribers can tune in to these stations for City news and community programming.

### CHANNEL 18 CITY NEWS & INFORMATION

*Programming by the City of Sunnyvale*

City Council meetings and Planning Commission meetings (aired live and replayed), annual budget and study issues workshops, announcements of upcoming City activities, programs and services, and other information brought to you by the City of Sunnyvale.

For programming schedule, see [www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](http://www.ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). Under City Council Activities, select KSUN schedule.

### CHANNEL 60 PUBLIC ACCESS PROGRAMMING

*Programming by Sunnyvale residents*

Programs on a wide range of topics created by members of the general public. Current topics include effective public speaking and communication, Silicon Valley real estate, positive thinking, support for physically challenged individuals, and music video critiques.

For programming schedule, tune in to Channel 60.

Note: Channel 60 programming is currently in a one-year pilot phase. During the pilot phase, programming is limited to Sunnyvale producers who have active Producer Agreements with the De Anza TV Center as of July 2000.



Residents gather at the new Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit for the Annual State of the City event.

# STATE OF THE CITY EVENT CELEBRATES COMMUNITY

More than 1,000 community members attended the State of the City event held on Saturday, May 12 at the new Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit at the Sunnyvale Community Center. Together, they helped celebrate this year's theme: "Building Community: Past, Present, and Future."

Many families with roots in Sunnyvale's orchard history attended to help celebrate the opening of the exhibit, which was dedicated to the City in conjunction with the event. Families and kids enjoyed the barbecue and a wide range of festival activities, from horse-drawn hay wagon rides to old-fashioned ice-cream making. Along with the recipients of the City's traditional community awards, Mayor Jack Walker and members of the City Council recognized "Sunnyvale's 2000" - hundreds of well-known or "unsung" heroes who have made a difference in our community over the decades.

Mayor Walker's State of the City address emphasized the importance of coming together as a community to tackle the challenges before us - challenges like the recent downturn in the economy, traffic congestion, and the energy crisis. "While Sunnyvale is inextricably linked to the greater Bay Area region, and while we are ethnically and economically diverse, we share common concerns," said Walker. "Our history has taught us that by working together toward common goals, we can make amazing things happen. Sunnyvale would not be the place it is today if it wasn't for our long history of community involvement." As part of his call for community involvement, he stressed the role of volunteerism and our personal responsibility to be part of the solution.

## Community Award Winners Announced

Mayor Walker and members of the Sunnyvale City Council announced

the winners of community awards at the event. This year, nominees were kept in suspense as winners were not announced in advance.

Nominees were solicited from a broad range of community organizations, businesses, schools and citizens. The awards selection committee, comprised of Sunnyvale citizens and business representatives appointed by Mayor Walker, had its usual difficulty selecting winners from the array of impressive candidates. "It's always gratifying to see the contributions of so many outstanding people giving of their time and energy to make Sunnyvale a great place to live and do business," said Walker.

## The winners of this year's community awards are as follows:

### Distinguished Citizen of the Year Joe Gutierrez

Joe was recognized for his "enthusiastic and tireless efforts" on behalf of the Orchard Heritage Park Interpretive Exhibit, an open air living museum commemorating Sunnyvale's orchard heritage.

### Award of Excellence Holly Lofgren

Holly was recognized for her leadership in the effort to build a community swimming pool at Fremont High School.

### Outstanding High School Senior Ryan Arba

Ryan has successfully balanced school, church and community service activities, providing leadership and inspiration to fellow students and those in need.

### Outstanding Businessperson of the Year Deborah Owens

Deborah, owner of Debbie Lyn's Costumes, "is a role model for other business owners and an outstanding ambassador for the community in which she lives and works."



Children enjoy a hayride tour around the Community Center's apricot orchard.

### Outstanding Community Volunteer of the Year Jan Camp

As the president of the Sunnyvale Historical Society and volunteer with numerous community organizations, Jan is the personification of volunteerism, inspiring others to work toward the betterment of our community.

### Public Safety Award of Valor Alex Bucur and Steven Petersen

Alex and Steven rescued a drowning woman from an apartment complex pool, demonstrating bravery and effective action that helped to save her life.

### Public Safety Awards of Merit Niki Gomez, Julie Tranchina, and Susanne Suarez

Niki and Julie helped to apprehend two boys attempting to break into a school cafeteria, while Susanne assisted in apprehending someone involved in an injury hit-and-run incident. ✨

# NEW LAW MEANS MOTORISTS MUST YIELD TO BUSES

Under a new state law, motorists in the Santa Clara Valley Transportation Authority (VTA) district and three other districts must yield the right of way to transit buses under certain conditions. Motorists must yield the right of way if all of the following conditions apply:

- The bus has exited the traffic lane to let passengers on or off the bus at a bus stop and is attempting to get back into the traffic lane;
- The bus has its directional light on, indicating that it wants to get back into the lane; and
- The bus has a flashing yield sign on the left rear.

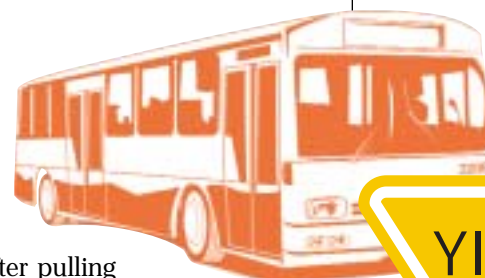
Since April 2, 2001 all buses operating through the Santa Clara VTA and the Santa Cruz Metropolitan Transit District use flashing red yield signs mounted on the left rear of the buses. The flashing yield signs alert motorists to yield the right-of-way to the bus and allow the bus to merge back into the active lane of traffic.

"This law is designed to keep traffic moving and make the roads safer," said a VTA spokesperson. "Sometimes a motorist is behind a bus, and they're not sure if they can pass it or not. Or sometimes a bus can't get back into the active lane of traffic after pulling over to let passengers off. Both of these situations can make traffic pile up behind a bus." The new law will help buses merge safely back into the active

lane of traffic after pulling over into a bus stop. Violators face a minimum \$35 fine.

The law is a pilot program and will be in effect until January 1, 2003 unless a later statute deletes or extends it. By December 31, 2002 a report will be presented to the State Legislature on the effectiveness of the yield-to-bus law. The report will recommend whether this law should be made permanent on a local basis, and whether it would be effective if implemented on a statewide basis.

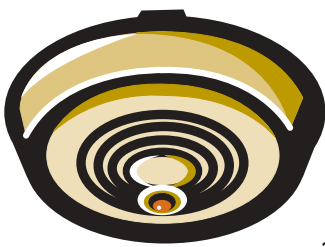
For more information, contact VTA Customer Service at (408) 321-2300 or hearing impaired (TDD only) (408) 321-2330. ✨



# SMOKE ALARMS SAVE LIVES

Every 82 seconds a fire department responds to a house fire somewhere in the nation, with more than 380,000 fires occurring each year in one and two-family dwellings. Residential fires cause almost 2,900 deaths each year in the United

States and lead to billions of dollars in damage. The majority of home fires that kill happen at night. Inexpensive smoke alarms can wake you in time to escape. When



choosing an alarm, be sure the detector you select carries the label of an independent testing lab. All lab-tested alarms will protect you if they are properly installed and maintained.

Install at least one smoke alarm on every floor of your home, including the basement, and outside each sleeping area. Position wall mounted units 4 to 12 inches from the ceiling, and position ceiling units at least 4 inches away from the nearest wall.

Sometimes cooking vapors and steam can cause smoke alarms to inadvertently “set off”. If this happens, don’t take the battery out. Instead, try moving the alarm away from the source of the problem. Or, if these “false alarms” don’t happen frequently, try waving a towel underneath the alarm and opening windows and doors to ventilate the room.

Proper maintenance is critical to well-functioning smoke alarms. Never borrow a smoke alarm battery from another item — use new batteries, and remember to replace your batteries at least twice a year. A good rule of thumb is to replace your batteries at the same time you set your clocks for daylight savings time. If the unit begins to chirp, this means the battery needs to be replaced. ✨

## STEPS YOU CAN TAKE TO PREVENT GREASE FIRES

- Never leave cooking unattended**  
42 percent of the deaths from cooking fires occur while people are asleep.
- Keep cooking area clean**  
Always wipe appliances and surfaces after cooking to prevent grease buildup.
- Be aware of flammable objects near the stove**  
Curtains, pot holders, dish towels and food packaging can easily catch fire.
- Always turn pot handles toward the center of the stove**  
Turning handles inward can prevent serious accidents.
- Never wear loose clothing while cooking**  
Fires can occur when clothing comes in contact with stovetop burners.
- Heat oil slowly**  
Heating oil too quickly is an easy way to start a fire.
- Teach children safe cooking**  
Children should be aware of the dangers associated with cooking.

## WHAT TO DO IF A GREASE FIRE STARTS

- Put a lid on it**  
Carefully slide a lid over the pan to smother a grease fire. Remember to turn off the heat.
- Use a fire extinguisher**  
Always have an ABC extinguisher on hand to put out a grease fire. Make sure it meets Underwriters Laboratories (UL) or Factory Mutual (FM) standards.
- Grab the baking soda**  
Douse grease fires with baking soda.
- Keep oven or microwave door shut if fire starts**  
Turn off the heat. Opening the door will allow oxygen to feed the fire.
- Water and grease don’t mix**  
Never pour water on a grease fire. Water causes grease fires to spread.
- Don’t run with the pan**  
Never carry a burning pan as it may spread the fire and cause injury to you or others.

# CITY FUNDING HELPS TO SUPPORT AGENCY FOR DEVELOPMENTALLY DISABLED

More than 100 Sunnyvale residents with developmental disabilities have received services so far this year from a local nonprofit agency, Community Association for Rehabilitation (CAR), which receives part of its funding from the City of Sunnyvale. The mission of CAR is to support and promote the achievements of

people with developmental disabilities (including autism, cerebral palsy, epilepsy, retardation, and other permanent conditions) so they can continue to be valued members of the community. The \$1,275 received each quarter from the City helps CAR offer five programs: employment services including job placement and on-the-job support by coaches;

after-school creative recreation activities including arts and crafts, group games, sports, cooking, swimming, and community excursions; an infant program for “at risk” children ages birth to 3 years and their parents; respite care which offers in-home care of developmentally disabled for short periods of time; and LEARN, a program for adults that includes training of functional skills such as shopping, laundry, and using public transportation and recreational programs. “The investment by the City of Sunnyvale in our programs adds to the credibility of our organization and helps us attract other donors,” said Lynda Steele, executive director of CAR. “We appreciate very much the funds we receive and we thank the community for its contribution.” Another popular program offered by CAR is the Betty Wright Swim Center in Palo Alto which offers aquatic classes and recreational programs in a large warm water (90-91 degrees) swimming pool for seniors and individuals with therapeutic needs. For hours of operation and other information on the swim center, call (650) 494-1480. For information on the other CAR programs, call (650) 494-0550. CAR is one of 17 programs that together were granted \$348,703 in local and federal funds during fiscal year 2000-2001 as part of Sunnyvale’s Outside Group Funding process. ✨

## YOUTH AND FAMILY ACTION GROUPS NEED YOU!

A Citywide effort is underway to enhance youth and family services in Sunnyvale. Community members and representatives from organizations that serve youth and/or families are invited to join efforts with one or more Community Organization Action Groups. These action groups are part of a pilot project to address gaps in needed services for Sunnyvale youth and families. “Community-wide support and leadership are critical to the success of these efforts,” said Assistant City Manager Amy Chan. “We’re asking organizations and individuals to assume leadership roles in addressing service needs.” In June of 2000 the City conducted two studies to determine key needs of children and families in Sunnyvale. While the studies found that most of their needs were being met, three primary gaps in services were identified: increasing access to affordable, quality childcare; increasing programs and activities for school-age children; and increasing access to health care. Five additional service gaps were noted ranging from improving access to social services and information about programs and services to supporting more family programming, enhancing children’s safety, and improving the existing Columbia Neighborhood Center model. Early this year, eight Community Organization Action Groups formed to identify partnerships, foster networking, and encourage collaboration in an effort to address service gaps identified in the studies. Six of these groups continue to meet to brainstorm and begin implementing enhancements.

See Action Groups, page 14



# SIZZLING SUMMER SUGGESTIONS FOR SAVING ENERGY AND MONEY

California is experiencing one of the most critical energy shortages in its history this summer. Rolling blackouts are a reminder to everyone of the need to conserve energy whenever and wherever possible. The City of Sunnyvale has cut back consumption by 10 percent as of May 2001 and is striving to conserve 20 percent.

To help, reduce your power use:

- Install compact fluorescent light bulbs and other energy-saving appliances. Look for appliances with the Energy Star® label, and take advantage of money-saving rebates.
- Raise the thermostat in summer to 78°F (26°C). Open windows at night to take advantage of the cool evening breeze.
- When you're away from home this summer, set your air conditioner at 85°F, or turn it off.
- Unplug extra appliances, such as a second refrigerator.
- Turn off lights, computers, radios, TVs and other appliances every time you leave a room.
- Don't use appliances during peak hours — 12 noon to 6 p.m. Run the dishwasher late at night, do laundry later and wash with a full load.
- Eliminate the loss of air conditioned air by weatherproofing 'leaky' windows, electrical outlets, doorjams and chimneys.
- Switch off swimming pool filter and sweeping operations during peak hours of 12 noon to 6 p.m.
- Don't preheat the oven. Use the microwave to save even more energy.

Invest in energy-saving devices

Energy-saving appliances are a double benefit - they help to save energy immediately and they save money on electricity bills well into

the future. Several programs are available to Sunnyvale residents that financially reward them for investing in products that save energy.

Appliances such as dishwashers, refrigerators, clothes washers, air conditions and portable air coolers that have an Energy Star® label qualify for \$50 or \$75 rebates from PG&E. Sunnyvale residents also may qualify for a \$100 rebate on the purchase of an Energy Star® clothes washer through a program co-sponsored by the City and Santa Clara Valley Water District. Local appliance dealers can provide additional information about the rebate program, and details also are available on the website [www.EnergyStar.gov](http://www.EnergyStar.gov).

Another long-term investment in energy savings is retrofitting low-slope (essentially flat) roofs with cool roofing materials that stay 50 to 60 degrees Fahrenheit cooler than traditional roofs. A cooler surface on top transmits less heat into the building, reducing the need to use electricity during peak periods to cool interior air.

Buildings that re-roof with cool roof products listed as part of the U.S. Environmental Protection Agency's Energy Star program can qualify for an incentive. Cool roof products for sloped-roof buildings (which includes most homes) are not readily available yet.

Try solar energy

Avoid rolling blackouts and create electricity directly from the sun by installing solar photovoltaics on your roof. The California Energy Commission (CEC) offers rebates for up to half the installed cost. For more information about solar electricity, contact the CEC at 800-555-7794, [www.energy.ca.gov/greengrid](http://www.energy.ca.gov/greengrid) or the Northern California Solar Energy Society at 510-869-2759, [www.noricalsolar.org](http://www.noricalsolar.org).

Keep house cool without air conditioning

There are several steps home-

## ENERGY INFORMATION

Energy Efficiency, Energy Star Appliances, & Rebates

PG&E

[www.pge.com/123](http://www.pge.com/123)  
800-933-9555

U.S. Environmental Protection Agency

[www.energystar.gov](http://www.energystar.gov)

Lawrence Berkeley National Laboratory

<http://savepower.lbl.gov/>

Solar Energy & Rebates

California Energy Commission

[www.energy.ca.gov/greengrid](http://www.energy.ca.gov/greengrid)  
800-555-7794

Northern California Solar Energy Society

[www.noricalsolar.org](http://www.noricalsolar.org)  
510-869-2759

owners can take that will significantly reduce the indoor temperature — even when it is sweltering outside.

- Cool down your house by adding insulation to the attic. Increasing the level of insulation to an R-30 value (about 10 inches in depth) will dramatically improve the comfort of your living areas during the summer.
- Another easy, inexpensive approach is to increase the amount of ventilation in the attic. On a very hot summer's day, the attic temperature can reach as high as 140 degrees, which radiates a lot of heat into your home. Add screened vents so that there is more than one square foot of ventilation for every 150 square feet of attic space.
- Install an attic fan which is controlled by an attic thermostat and is fully automatic and very quiet.
- Install a whole house fan that captures hot air and blows it out of the house. It is usually installed in the ceiling of the hall outside the bedrooms, but it can be noisy and is not as effective in reducing radiant heat as an attic fan. ☀

## LOCAL HOTELS, MOTELS ASKED TO HELP SAVE WATER AND REDUCE DETERGENT USE

Hotels and motels in Sunnyvale can now participate in a new, nationwide water conservation and detergent reduction program. The campaign invites hotel guests to reuse bed linens and towels, rather than having them replaced every day, and to practice water conservation during their stay.

The City's Environmental Outreach staff are inviting general managers of overnight facilities to place message cards and bathroom mirror stickers in each room to explain how guests can help to protect the earth's natural resources.

The message cards are produced and sold by Project Planet, a national nonprofit organization that assists the hospitality industry to encourage guests to conserve water and help reduce detergent use. Endorsed by the American Hotel and Lodging Association, the water conservation stickers are available at no cost from Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant. Hospitality managers also may order an 11-minute training video in English and Spanish that describes to house-keeping staff the proper placement of the message pieces and informs staff what to do when guests participate.

"The program quantifies how much hotels and motels can expect to save on water and energy bills, detergents, laundering and maid service," said Gail Glen, Environmental Outreach Coordinator for the Water Pollution Control Plant. "In addition to saving money, participating facilities protect the environment by disposing less waste water for treatment and discharge into the Bay. That means a healthier balance of salt and fresh water habitat for wildlife."

Further information about the program is available from Glen at 730-7738, Lisa Kemmer at 730-2762 or from the Project Planet website at [www.projectplanetcorp.com](http://www.projectplanetcorp.com).

# AWARDS PROGRAM HONORS LEADERS IN PROTECTING THE ENVIRONMENT

“I feel really sorry for trees sometimes. They get cut down and people just use them once and then throw the paper away.”

These thoughts of Yukti Gangwani were part of an essay that garnered her, and nine other Sunnyvale youngsters, an Environmental Achievement Award from the City of Sunnyvale. The annual program capitalizes on Earth Day to identify and honor individuals, organizations and businesses that are taking a leadership role in protecting the environment.

In the youth category, Yukti was joined in the winner’s circle by Robert Anderson, Claire Flanegin, Shaheen Jeeawoody, Sriya Malladi, Natasha Mehta, Kenneth Mendes, Sara Mokhtary, Anthony O’Malley, and Chelsea Ranche.

Six adults also received recognition for their essays about conservation and the need to preserve natural resources. They are: Charles Coston, Lee Dobyns, Kevin Jackson, Alice Kawash, Arlene Schmidt, and Carol Wong. The win-

ners lead by example by turning off lights and water faucets when not needed, walking to work, landscaping their yards with native plants, composting, using both sides of paper, and practicing other forms of environmental stewardship.

In the business/organization category, 10 local enterprises were selected to receive an Environmental Achievement Award. The winners are:

- Amdahl Corporation for its achievement in waste reduction and recycling
- DeAnza College for the innovative “green building” design of its Environmental Studies Center and the science education programs offered there to the community
- Royal Cleaners (Drycal Corporation) for its investment in equipment that reduces pollution in air, water and soil
- Fran’s Hallmark Shop for its leadership as a small business in motivating employees to recycle and conserve resources
- Maple Tree Inn for its achievement in encouraging more than 65% of its employees to use alternative transportation (not single

passenger vehicles) to get to work

- Menlo Equities for its design and construction practices that protect the environment from heavy metal and other types of potential groundwater pollution
- Resource Area for Teachers (RAFT) for its mission as a non-profit to distribute equipment and materials no longer needed by businesses to schoolteachers for reuse
- Silicon Valley WAVE for its extensive cardboard recycling program which has collected more than 109 tons since January of 2000
- Savory & Sweet, Inc. catering company which has worked hard to reduce its garbage volume by more than 60% in the past year, uses organic foods grown without pesticides, and avoids disposable paper products
- Telesensory which has cut its waste stream in half through corporate waste reduction and recycling programs

The winners were honored in a ceremony at a City Council meeting in April. ✨

## FOR MORE INFORMATION...

Sunnyvale businesses and residents interested in more information about what they can do to help the environment, or to share information about challenges and solutions, contact the following City divisions:

- Recycling Program (Recycling and waste prevention).....730-7262
- Traffic Engineering (Trip reduction).....730-7415
- Planning Division (Energy efficiency, “green” buildings, CEQA) .....730-7440
- Fire & Environmental Services  
(Pollution prevention, hazardous materials) .....730-7212
- Water Pollution Control Plant (Industrial pretreatment, urban runoff, water pollution prevention, environmental education) .....730-7260
- Water Conservation .....730-2762
- Parks & Recreation (Open space, species & habitats) .....730-7506



Sunnyvale youth proudly display their Environmental Achievement Awards.

# SAFELY DISPOSE OF NEEDLES AND SYRINGES AT THE SMaRT® RECYCLING CENTER

Residents can safely dispose of used hypodermic syringes, such as those used for insulin or other medical purposes, at the SMaRT Recycling Center in Sunnyvale.

- Place used needles or syringes in a “sharps” container, which usually can be purchased wherever needles or syringes are sold. Or place sharps in a sturdy container such as a bleach bottle or a cof-

fee can, and secure the lid with heavy-duty tape.

- Bring the container to the SMaRT Recycling Center, and place it in the red metal sharps disposal bin.

### SMaRT Recycling Center

301 Carl Rd., Sunnyvale  
Open 8 a.m. to 5 p.m.,  
seven days a week  
(408) 730-7262 ✨





# NATIONAL NIGHT OUT CELEBRATES SAFE NEIGHBORHOODS

Sunnyvale neighborhoods are invited to join thousands of communities nationwide to “Give Crime and Drugs a Going Away Party.” The 18th annual National Night Out happens on Tuesday, August 7, from 7 to 9 p.m.

During National Night Out, residents are encouraged to turn on their porch lights and step outside to meet their neighbors. Celebration ideas include block parties, ice cream socials, neighborhood walks and cookouts. Organizers can highlight the evening by scheduling a visit from Sunnyvale Public Safety Officers.

National Night Out is an organized effort to raise crime and drug prevention awareness, increase neighborhood spirit, develop police-community partnerships and to let criminals know that neighborhoods

are prepared to fight back.

This year, more than 30 million people in nearly 10,000 communities nationwide are expected to participate in this event sponsored by the National Association of Town Watch and co-sponsored by the Sunnyvale Department of Public Safety.

Sunnyvale residents and neighborhood associations that plan to participate may contact Mariana Alvarez, Public Safety Crime Prevention Unit, at 730-7140. More information about National Night Out is available by calling National Association of Town Watch at (610) 649-7055 or visiting its web site at [www.natw.org](http://www.natw.org) ✱



# FREE TOURS TEACH IMPORTANCE OF PREVENTING WATER POLLUTION

Nancy Baugher has been bringing her eighth-grade classes to the Sunnyvale Water Pollution Control Plant every year for almost seven years. “Thanks to your Plant tours, my students have displayed exceptional interest in learning about the environmental importance of treating sewage,” Nancy commended.

When asked what the eighth graders liked best about the tours, the top votes were for the sludge and watching the clean water flow back into the bay.



Nancy’s student tours are part of the Science Education for Public Understanding Program run by U.C. Berkeley. The program aims to promote scientific literacy and enhance the role of students as independent thinkers and active participants in science and society.

The Plant’s environmental outreach staff is delighted to be a part of science education school programs. Educators are encouraged to utilize Plant tours as a way to teach young people about human impact on the environment.

Plant tours are available to schools, businesses, and the general public year round by calling 730-7717 to schedule an appointment. ✱

## SKATEPARK IN EARLY DESIGN STAGES

City staff and outside consultants are working this summer on the preliminary design of the proposed skatepark to be built at the south end of Fair Oaks Park near the large baseball diamond adjacent to Wolfe Road. The permanent facility will include bowls and rails appealing to skateboarders and in-line skaters.

Public input is welcome. Citizens are invited to call the Parks Division at 730-7506 to register their name and address to receive notices of public hearings for design and review of construction documents.

## POLICY ISSUES

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expressed interest in purchase of the City-owned land.

Among options under consideration is the creation of small “pocket parks” for each parcel, much like Greenwood Manor pocket park on Ramona Avenue.

Other development options could include installation of more active recreation areas (basketball, horse-shoe pits, etc.); a landscaped greenway for strolling; public gardens; or, sale of the City-owned land strips to adjacent neighbors. This latter option would not affect the larger PG&E owned portions of each parcel.

The City has retained The Beals Group as consultants for the study to collect citizen input and ideas, and to provide a report of various land use options and costs. Public meetings to gather public input were held in June. Those interested in this project may contact the Parks Division at 730-7506 and provide their name and mailing address.

Results of the study will be presented in a public meeting to the Parks and Recreation Commission on August 8, and the City Council will consider the subject at its October 9 meeting.

**Park Enforcement Issues**  
**Parks and Recreation Commission meeting: Sept. 9**  
**City Council meeting: October 16**

The Department of Parks and Recreation is in the process of considering a variety of park enforcement issues. The study is evaluating the need for increased enforcement of existing park rules and laws throughout the City. A second part of the study is looking at citizen concerns not addressed by existing Municipal Codes related to public parks.

As part of the study, The Gelfond Group has been hired to conduct a telephone survey to ascertain community opinions about the need for increased enforcement. This survey

is being done to obtain an unbiased and statistically valid snapshot of public perception. Staff is also collecting data from Public Safety and from staff logs regarding customer concerns to show actual enforcement patterns.

The final report will present the findings along with various alternatives for gaining increased compliance with park laws and rules. The report also will contain recommendations regarding which alternatives to pursue, and whether specific sections of the Municipal Code should be changed to address citizen concerns about the parks. The Parks and Recreation Commission will consider this report and hold a Public Hearing on September 9, 7:00 p.m. in the Council Chambers. City Council will consider the issue on October 16 at 7:30 p.m. as part of the City Council meeting. For more information, please contact Jenny Shain at 730-7576. ✱



*Come and experience the richly diverse culture of the Sunnyvale community! Join the celebration on September 22 from 11am until 4pm at the City of Sunnyvale's second International Street Faire. The Faire will once again be held on West Olive (in front of the Library and City Hall). Enjoy international foods, watch multicultural entertainment, and visit the booths of community cultural groups.*

## UPCOMING ACTIVITIES

### TRAFFIC

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ing wiser land-use policies that integrate housing with jobs and retail, much like the model for our downtown redevelopment. The new downtown will be a world-class site that integrates housing, work sites, shops and transit so people can walk or take transit to where they need to go.

In some places, we also are clustering housing and jobs around "high density transit nodes" so taking the light rail or Caltrain becomes more feasible. For example, we have approved transit-friendly building designs and densities near the major Tasman and Caltrain transit corridors. The City, Santa Clara County's Valley Transportation Authority (VTA), and Jay Paul Company (a developer) collaborated to add a new light rail station as part of a recently approved campus development in north Sunnyvale.

Sunnyvale officials play leadership roles on the governing boards of our region's key transportation agencies, such as the VTA and Caltrain. Sunnyvale's regional leadership and collaboration has led to some exciting results, such as a partnership with the Bay Area Air Quality Management District to construct bike lanes on the City's major arterials. We also partnered with the VTA to fund and build new sidewalks, bicycle facilities, and bus stops to connect transit with jobs in north Sunnyvale.

### What are Sunnyvale employers doing to reduce single-occupant auto commuting?

Some Sunnyvale employers are starting to use Transportation Demand Management (TDM) techniques to reduce rush hour traffic. TDM includes options like carpooling, flexible work hours, telecommuting, and using alternative transportation modes such as transit and biking. Although currently a small component of trip reduction in Sunnyvale, TDM is an encouraging innovation with great potential.

When TDM strategies have been employed in Sunnyvale, generally they have been part of a developer's building permit process. Six companies in Sunnyvale are required to have TDM programs, among other requirements, in order for approval to build higher density.

Employers, including our own City, are also distributing Eco-Passes to their employees to encourage them to use public transit. Eco-Passes enable employees to ride for free on a variety of transit options like Caltrain, Light Rail, and buses. Not only do Eco-Passes take the stress out of commuting, but they also save money. One City employee who commutes on the Caltrain from Gilroy said the Eco-Pass saves him \$88.50 a month off the cost of his monthly Caltrain pass, not to mention the cost of gas and wear and tear on his vehicle.

One particularly exciting development is the creation of the Moffett Industrial Park "Transportation Management Association". Supplementing the individual efforts of various companies located in Moffett Park, this public-private partnership will create an industrial park transportation management program to reduce local traffic in the Moffett Park Area.

### What are some of the transit options available to Sunnyvale residents and workers?

Sunnyvale's transit infrastructure includes Caltrain stops in downtown Sunnyvale and at the Lawrence Station with nearly 80 trains a day running from San Francisco to Gilroy. VTA runs a fleet of 521 buses and 50 light rail vehicles that serve Sunnyvale as well as all of Santa Clara County and bordering areas. Our City also has a light rail/Caltrain connection and 22.2 miles of bicycle lanes.

### How can residents provide input to the City's transportation planning?

The bottom line is that the problem will not go away overnight. Gradually we are making smarter decisions that help move us away from the forces that lead to traffic congestion.

The City's Traffic Engineering Division welcomes questions and input from citizens. To offer your ideas, contact us at (408) 730-7415 or by email at [pubworks@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:pubworks@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us). ✨

### ACTION GROUPS

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#### Youth & Family Services Community Organization Action Groups

- Increasing Access to Affordable, Quality Child Care
- Increasing Programs and Activities for School-Age Children (combined with Enhancing Children's Safety and Supporting Family Programming)
- Increasing Access to Health Care
- Enhancing Access to Information on Programs and Services (combined with Supporting Family Programming)
- Improving Access to Social Services
- Improving the Existing Columbia Neighborhood Center Model

To learn how you can get involved, contact Rocio Abundis-Rodriguez at 523-8150, [rabundis@sesd.org](mailto:rabundis@sesd.org) or Katherine Chappelle at 730-7355, [kchappelle@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us](mailto:kchappelle@ci.sunnyvale.ca.us).

### MIDWEEK MARKET & MUSIC

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| <b>July 25</b>   | The Jesse Charles Band             |
| <b>August 1</b>  | David Ladd & the Downtown Allstars |
| <b>August 8</b>  | The Jumpin Jambalaya Jazz Band     |
| <b>August 15</b> | The Marvin Banks Band              |
| <b>August 22</b> | The Joe Ferrari Big Band           |
| <b>August 29</b> | The Dead Posers Society            |

Downtown Sunnyvale is becoming a popular venue for community events. Last fall, it was the site of the Harvest Festival Pancake Breakfast and hundreds of residents attended

the Holiday Lighting Festival at Murphy Square. This spring a St. Patrick's Day Pancake Breakfast in downtown benefited the Sunnyvale/Cupertino Pop Warner Football program.

"The downtown of a city is where people come together as a community to meet one another, celebrate, and enjoy our wonderful quality of life," said Karen Davis, Sunnyvale's economic development manager. "When the public plaza is built and all of the other development projects currently in the works in downtown Sunnyvale are completed, we will

have many more opportunities for community events."

In addition to the special Farmers' Market on Wednesday nights with the summer music and market series, residents can continue to enjoy Farmers' Markets on Saturday mornings year round from 9:00 a.m. to 1:00 p.m. Davis said that one of the goals of the Wednesday night series is to remind the public that businesses in downtown Sunnyvale are open during construction. Free valet parking is available Monday through Friday from 10 a.m. to 10 p.m. ✨



# COMMUNITY CALENDAR

## PUBLIC MEETINGS — City Council, Boards and Commissions

The following are projected dates of City Council meetings, which are held each Tuesday at 7:30 p.m. (study sessions are normally held at 6:30 p.m. prior to Council meeting). Also listed are Board and Commission meetings and selected issues on the City Council calendar. All dates shown are subject to change. For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the City Clerk's Office at 730-7483 or call SunDIAL at 774-0262 code 122. City Council meetings are broadcast on KSUN (TCI Cable TV channel 18) live Tuesdays at 7:30 p.m., and rebroadcast 7:30 p.m. Wednesday and again 4 p.m. Saturday. Planning Commission meetings are broadcast live Mondays at 8:00 p.m. and rebroadcast Thursdays at 8:00 p.m. and again 11:00 a.m. Saturday.

KEY	
CC	= Council Chambers
WCR	= West Conference Room
CCB	= Community Center Boardroom
GCR	= Garden Conference Room

### CITY COUNCIL

#### 7:30 p.m., CC

July 24, 31  
August 7, 28 (14, 21 Canceled)  
September 18, 25, (4, 11 Canceled)  
October 2, 9, 16, 23

### BOARDS AND COMMISSIONS

#### Arts Commission, 7 p.m., WCF

August 15  
September 19  
October 17

#### Bicycle and Pedestrian Advisory Committee, 6:30 p.m., WCF

August 20  
September 20  
October 18

#### Board of Library Trustees, 7:30 p.m., CC

August 6  
September 10  
October 1

#### Heritage Preservation Commission, 7 p.m., WCF

No meeting in August  
September 5  
No meeting in October

#### Housing and Human Services Commission, 7 p.m., WCF

July 25  
August 22  
September 26  
October 24

#### Parks and Recreation Commission, 7 p.m., CC

July 25  
No meeting in August  
September 26  
October 24

#### Planning Commission, 8 p.m., CC (Study Sessions, 7-8 p.m., WCF)

July 23  
August 13, 27  
September 10, 24  
October 8, 22

## LEISURE — Theater, Arts, Recreation

*For more complete information, or to confirm dates and times, contact the organization listed.*

Leisure Activities Calendar July 23-October 31

### Miscellaneous Community Activities

*For more information call 730-7350*

#### International Street Faire

September 22, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m.  
(on W. Olive Ave in front of the Library)

#### Halloween Harvest Festival

October 27, 11 a.m. - 4 p.m. at the WAVE (formerly the Sunnyvale Town Center)

### Outdoor Adventure Series for Teens (ages 15-18)

*For more information or to register call 730-7350.*

July 25 - Surfing - Santa Cruz - 9 a.m. - 3 p.m.

August 1 - White Water Rafting - South Fork of the American River - 6 a.m. - 8 p.m.

August 8 - Elkhorn Slough Kayak Tour - Santa Cruz - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

August 15 - Indoor Rock Climbing - Planet Granite - Noon - 4 p.m.

August 22 - Cannery Row Ocean Tour - Monterey - 9 a.m. - 4 p.m.

### California Theater Summer Rep 2001

*For more information or to purchase tickets call 720-0873.*

#### I Ought To Be In Pictures

July 28

#### Hay Fever

July 27

#### Beauty And The Beast

July 25, 28

#### Twelfth Night

July 26, 29

### Sunnyvale Community Players

*For more information or to purchase tickets call 245-4974.*

#### Oklahoma

September 7-30

#### Starnites (Junior Theater)

October 26 - November 18

### California Theater Center

*For more information or to buy tickets call 245-2978*

#### The Cay

October 8-12

#### The Frog Prince

October 15-27

#### The Legend Of Sleepy Hollow

October 29-November 20

### Adult Sports Sign-ups

*To sign -up or for more information call 730-7350.*

August 15 - Basketball and Softball Deadlines

August 30 - Volleyball Deadline

### Gallery Shows

*For more information call 730-7731*

July 20-August 25 - Works by the Sunnyvale Art Club



Visit [www.sparetheair.org](http://www.sparetheair.org) to register for email notifications of Spare the Air Days or for alternative transportation information.

September 7-October 13 - Works by the Sunnyvale Photo Club

October 19 -20 - Annual Pottery Sale

### Compost Workshops

#### Sunnyvale Community Center - Arboretum, 10 a.m. - noon

Workshops are one Saturday per month with registration deadline the day before.

*For more information call the Recycling Program at 730-7262.*

July 28

August 25

September 22

October 27

### Household Hazardous Waste Drop-Off

#### Drop-off at Sunnyvale Event Site (164 Carl Rd), 8 a.m. - 1 p.m.

*For more information call 730-7262.*

August 18

September 15

October 20

### Fall Clean-Up

#### Extra garbage pick-up on regularly scheduled pick-up days

October 1-26

### Extra Dumping at the SMaRT Station

#### No charge for Sunnyvale Residents

*For more information call 730-7262.*

September 29-30

October 6-7

### Chamber of Commerce Wake-ups and Mixers

*For more information call 736-4971*

### Wake-up Sunnyvale

August 9 - Ramada Inn

September 13 - Ramada Inn

October 11 - Ramada Inn

### Mixers

July 26 - Union Bank on Arques Ave

August 23 - Wild Palms Hotel

September 27 - AMD

October 25 - Sunnyvale Public Safety

### ON-GOING EVENTS

Sign-up for a tour of **Sunnyvale's Water Pollution Control Plant!** To schedule a tour or for more information call 730-7717. ✨

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